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FEATURING

# SPIDER-MAN AND DOCTOR STRANGE

THE SPIDER  
AND THE  
SORCERER!

HE'S BACK FROM THE DEAD!  
**XANDU**  
THE UNSPEAKABLE!





Stan Lee PRESENTS: **SPIDEY AND DOCTOR STRANGE** TM **TOGETHER!!** TM

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# The SPIDER AND The SORCERER!

TRAPPED IN A WORLD OF A MADMAN'S MAKING, HELPLESS TO USE THEIR AWESOME POWERS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES, THIS IS THE UNIMAGINABLE PERIL CONFRONTING A CERTAIN WEB-SLINGING WONDER AND THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS!

CAN OUR TEAMED TITANS OVERCOME THIS STAGGERING MENACE WITHOUT THEIR SUPER-POWERS? CAN THEY ESCAPE THE CLUTCHES OF THE WORLD-SHAKING WAND OF WATOOMB?

READ ON, TIGER-- AND DISCOVER FOR YOURSELF! WE PROMISE YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED...



IT BEGINS AS A RATHER AVERAGE NIGHT IN THE LIFE OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN--

--BUT HANG IN THERE, HERO-- 'CAUSE THINGS AREN'T GONNA STAY "AVERAGE" FOR VERY LONG...

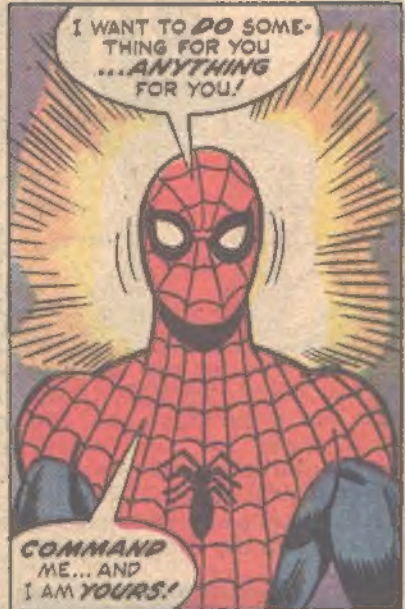
NEVER A DULL MOMENT, IS THERE?

IF IT ISN'T DOCTOR OCTOPUS OR HAMMERHEAD--  
--IT'S A BUNCH OF THIRD-RATE HEIST-JOCKEYS LOOKING FOR AN EASY MARK!



THE DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU -- "THE FIVE FINGERS OF DEATH!"







**CUT TO: A SHADY SIDE STREET IN THE HEART OF NEUROTIC GREENWICH VILLAGE-- SPECIFICALLY THE SQUAT, ALMOST HUNCH-BACKED BUILDING THAT LURKS IN THE CENTER OF THE BLOCK--**



--FOR THIS IS THE MACABRE RESIDENCE OF ONE DOCTOR STEPHEN STRANGE--

--AND THIS WOULDN'T REALLY BE A TEAM-UP TALE WITHOUT HIM!

MANY TIMES I HAVE SAT THUS AND READ MY MASTER'S WRITINGS--



--AND EACH TIME I AM FILLED WITH GREATER AWE OF THE ANCIENT ONE'S SENSITIVITY AND KNOWLEDGE.

THERE IS MUCH EVEN A MASTER OF THE ARCANES CAN ACQUIRE FROM THE LEARNED ONE'S TEACHINGS--

--MUCH THAT I MUST PUT TO MEDITATION.



AND, WHILE THE MYSTIC MAGE MEDITATES-- IN A ROOM JUST DOWN THE HALL...

WE HAVE ARRIVED, MY HAPLESS ONE. THUS I COMMAND YOU-- AWAKEN--



--FOR THOUGH YOU REMAIN UNDER XANDU'S SPELL, 'TIS THE FULL WIT AND ABILITY OF SPIDER-MAN THAT IS REQUIRED HERE.

TREAD CAREFULLY NOW, WEB-SLINGER. DO NOT DISTURB THE WIZARD'S CONTEMPLATIONS-- AND YOU WILL ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL WITHOUT MISHAP.



SPIDER-MAN-- BEWARE THAT URN--!

'T WILL BE A SIMPLE MATTER FOR YOU TO...

CURSES! IN HIS BEFUDDLED STATE, HE'S TOP-PLIED IT--!



CHANGK!

RATS! STRANGE IS BOUND TO HEAR THAT.



AND, OF COURSE, HE DOES!

EH?

WONG?  
IS THAT  
YOU,  
MY  
FAITHFUL  
ONE?

IS ANYTHING  
AMISS?

ODD-- WONG  
DOESN'T  
ANSWER.

PERHAPS HE IS  
STILL IN  
BED.

PERHAPS  
THE SOUND  
WAS ONLY THE  
KNOCKING  
OF A  
LOOSENED  
SHUTTER!

PERHAPS  
...BUT I  
DOUBT IT!

WHY--IT IS  
SPIDER-  
MAN!

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MY  
MOST HUMBLE HABITAT,  
MY GOOD FRIEND?

WHATEVER  
THE REASON,  
DOCTOR STRANGE  
WELCOMES YOU!

A PLEASANT  
ENOUGH  
GREETING,  
RIGHT?

WRONG! FOR UNDER XANDU'S HYPNOTIC  
SPELL, WHAT THE WEB-SLINGER SEES IS...

SPIDER-  
MAN!

HOW DARE YOU INVADE  
THE SANCTITY OF MY HOME,  
MY MOST HATED ENEMY?

WHATEVER  
THE REASON,  
DOCTOR STRANGE  
WILL DESTROY YOU!

SPIDER-MAN?  
IS THERE SOME-  
THING WRONG,  
MY FRIEND?

YOU SEEM TENSE--  
ILL AT EASE--I CAN  
I HELP YOU  
SOMEHOW?

OKAY,  
STRANGE--  
THAT'S CLOSE  
ENOUGH!

I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT KIND OF GAME  
YOU'RE PLAYING, BUT WHEN  
YOU DECIDED TO TANGLE  
WITH SPIDER-MAN--

--YOU MADE A  
BAAAAAD  
MISTAKE!









I SEEK NOT TO **HURT** YOU, SPIDER-MAN-- ONLY TO **SUBDUE** YOU--

--UNTIL WE CAN DETERMINE THE **CAUSE** OF YOUR SUDDEN UNEXPECTED **MADNESS!**



"AND THOUGH YOU EVADE MY MYSTIC BOLTS WITH ASTONISHING AGILITY--

"NOT EVEN SPIDER-MAN CAN AVOID ALL OF THE BLOSSOMING RIBBONS OF RAGGADOR!"

HUH? BLASTED STUFF'S SNAGGED ME--!



WELL, I MAY BE **DOWN**, HOUDINI--

--BUT I'M NOT OUT YET!

NOT BY A LONG SHOT!

THWIP!



WALL-CRAWLING BLUNDER-EP-- YOUR ACCURSED WEBBING MISSED ME!



YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO **BET** ON THAT LITTLE ITEM NOW--

--WOULD YOU, WIZARD?

THRUUU!

UUNNGG!



MOMENTS LATER, AFTER THE WEB-SLINGER HAS DISCOVERED THE CRYSTAL OF KADAVUS' HIDING PLACE...

WELL DONE, WALL-CRAWLER--

--THE CRYSTAL IS YOURS-- AND KANDU SUMMONS YOU HOME!

AND, IN A TWINKLING, SPIDER-MAN IS-- GONE!



SHORTLY, IN THE DISMAL  
WEST SIDE DWELLING OF  
THE MYSTERIOUS XANDU...

MY THANKS,  
SPELLBOUND ONE  
--FOR DELIVERING  
UNTO MY HANDS  
THE SINGLE MEANS  
OF REGENERATING  
THE WONDROUS  
HAND OF  
WATOOMB!

THE PROPER  
INCANTATION  
--THE FOCUSING  
OF COSMIC FORCES  
THRU THE  
CRYSTAL OF  
KADAVUS--



--AND THE MOST POWERFUL  
WEAPON IN ALL OF NECRO-  
MANTIC LORE IS ONCE MORE  
MINE TO WIELD--

THE WEAPON  
YOU AND THE  
ACCURSED DOCTOR  
STRANGE BOTH  
FAILED TO  
DESTROY--



"--AS YOU FAILED TO DESTROY MY BLESSED  
MEMORY, SPIDER-MAN... FOR AN INSTANT  
BEFORE STRANGE COULD ERASE MY  
KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAD GONE  
BETWEEN US--"

"--I MYSTICALLY SENT MY MEMORY REELING OFF  
INTO THE ETHOS-- TO RETURN TO ME WHEN  
YOUR THREAT HAD PASSED--"

\*AND, BELIEVE US, MARVELITE, PLENTY WENT BE-  
TWEEN THEM WAY BACK IN DOCTOR STRANGE #179.--RT.

"I KNOW NOT HOW LONG I  
WANDERED VIRTUALLY CATATON-  
IC, UNTIL MY QUESTING MIND  
RETURNED TO ME--"



"--BUT RETURN TO ME, IT DID  
--TO FILL ME WITH RENEWED  
NOPE--RENEWED PURPOSE--"



--AND YES, WALL-CRAWLER--  
THERE IS A PURPOSE TO THE  
THINGS I DO BEYOND THE  
NEED FOR WORLD  
DOMINATION--



THERE IS THE  
NEED TO  
RESTORE A  
LIFE!



"HER NAME WAS MELINDA--  
AND WHEN I WAS MUCH YOUNGER,  
STILL NEW TO THE WAYS  
OF THE MYSTIC ARTS, SHE WAS  
MY BELOVED--MY  
BETROTHED--"



"--UNTIL THE DAY A CONJURA-  
TION SOMEHOW WENT AWRY--  
AND A BOLT OF ARCANIC ENERGY  
LANCED FROM MY  
FINGERTIPS,  
FELLING MELINDA  
WHERE SHE  
STOOD."

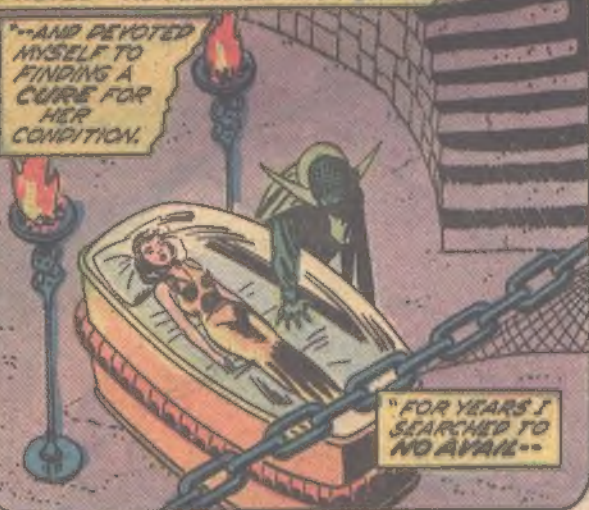


"INSTANTLY I RUSHED TO HER  
SIDE--BUT, TRY AS I MIGHT, I  
COULD NOT REVIVE HER."



"IN FACT, I  
COULD DO  
NOTHING  
AT ALL."

"SHE SLEPT--IN A TRANCE-LIKE STATE RESE-  
BLING DEATH--SO I BUILT A SHELTER TO  
PROTECT HER SLUMBERING FORM--"



"--AND DEVOTED  
MYSELF TO  
FINDING A  
CURE FOR  
HER  
CONDITION."

"FOR YEARS I  
SEARCHED TO  
NO AVAIL--"

--AND THEN I DISCOVERED  
THE HAND OF WA-  
TOOMS-- THE ANSWER  
TO MY PRAYERS--

--BUT I KNEW THERE'D  
BE THOSE WHO'D SEEK TO  
TAKE IT FROM ME--



--THOSE SUCH AS  
THE MYSTIC MAGE  
AND YOUR-  
SELF--

--AND THAT,  
SPIDER-MAN--IS WHY  
YOU MUST NOW DIE!

HOLD, SORCERER! UNLEASH THAT  
FATAL BOLT-- AND YOU WILL  
ANSWER TO DOCTOR  
STRANGE!

ASTONISHING!  
STRANGE'S ACCURSED  
POWERS HAVE TRACED  
ME EVEN HERE!



"I'LL  
COST MELINDA  
HER LIFE SHOULD I  
LET STRANGE REPEAT ME  
--BUT IN THIS DIMENSION HE  
IS SORCERER SUPREME--"



STILL, THAT IS A  
SITUATION EASILY  
CORRECTED BY  
THE INCOMPARABLE  
HAND OF WATOOMS!



THERE COMES A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT,  
LACED WITH THE ODOR OF BRIMSTONE--  
THEN THE WORLD SEEMS TO FOLD IN UPON ITSELF--

--WILD, ALMOST UNIMAGINABLE COLORS  
SWIRL IN KALEIDOSCOPIC PATTERNS  
AROUND THE COSTUMED TROOP--

--AND WHEN THE PATTERNS HAVE  
CEASED TO FORM THEMSELVES  
AND **DOCTOR STRANGE** AND  
A SUDDENLY-CONSCIOUS **SPIDER-MAN**  
FIND THEMSELVES FACING--

BY THE EYES OF  
THE OMNIPOTENT  
OSHTUR--WHERE  
ARE WE?

WHO ARE  
YOU?

OF COURSE, DOCTOR--IF YOU  
DID NOT RECOGNIZE ME  
BEFORE, HOW COULD I HOPE  
YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE ME  
NOW--TRANSFORMED  
AS I AM?

I AM  
**XANDU THE**  
**UNSPEAKABLE--**

--**XANDU**  
**THE ALL-**  
**POWERFUL--**

--AND THE WORLD  
YOU HAVE ENTERED  
IS **XANDU'S WORLD**--  
--A WORLD I RULE  
**SUPREME!**





NAY XANDU--  
THERE CAN BE  
BUT **ONE** SORCERER  
SUPREME OF THE  
COSMOS--

--AND THAT  
ONE SHALL EVER BE  
**DOCTOR STRANGE!**



YOU  
CALL YOURSELF  
**SORCERER  
SUPREME** WHEN,  
WITH BUT THE  
SLIGHTEST  
THOUGHT--

--I CAN TURN  
YOUR MOST  
**POTENT** SPELL  
ABOUT TO MY  
**ADVANTAGE!**



THEN YOU ARE A  
**GREATER** FOOL THAN  
I HAD IMAGINED,  
STRANGE!

UUHHNN--

OKAY,  
RASPUTIN--  
THAT JUST  
ABOUT **DOES**  
IT!



I MAY NOT  
REMEMBER HOW I  
GOT TO THIS  
ABSTRACT  
**NUTHOUSE--**

--BUT IF YOU  
THINK I'M JUST  
GONNA **STAND**  
AROUND WHILE  
YOU **Clobber** MY  
FRIENDS--

GRUESOME,  
YOU THINK  
**AGAIN!**



NO, WALL-CRAWLER  
--YOU  
THINK--

--WHILE  
YOU STRUGGLE  
VAINLY TO  
**FREE** YOURSELF  
FROM YOUR OWN  
**WEBBING!**

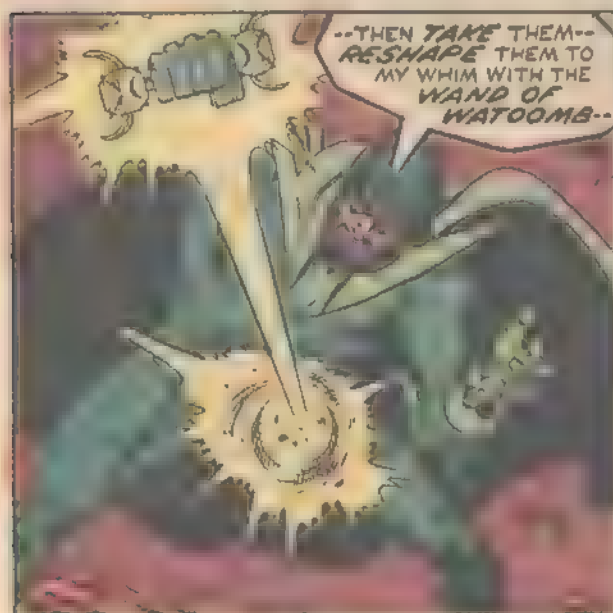
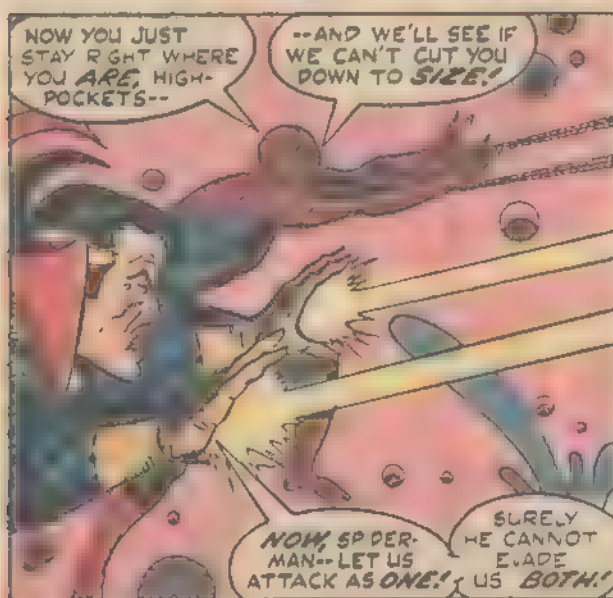
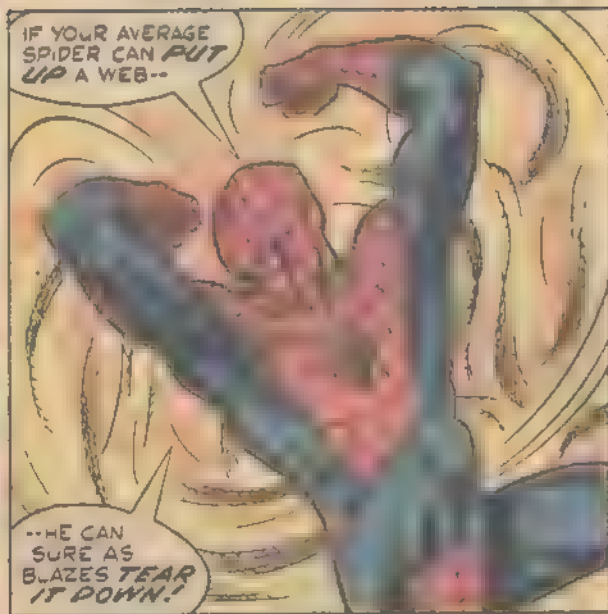
HEY--  
CAN'T YA  
TAKE A  
**JOKE?**



A **JOKE?** SPIDER-MAN, YOU  
ARE A JOKE--IF YOU THINK TO  
USE YOUR PUNY POWERS  
AGAINST **ME!**

IN **THIS**  
WORLD, IT'S  
**XANDU**  
WHO MAKES  
THE  
**RULES!**





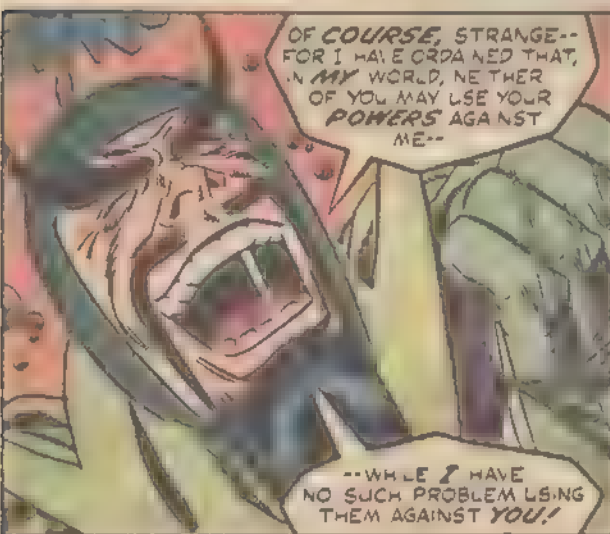




THREE FOOLS--SEE YOURSELVES AS YOU TRULY ARE--  
--PUPPETS--  
--HELPLESS PUPPETS AT THE MERCY OF OMNIPOTENT XANDU!

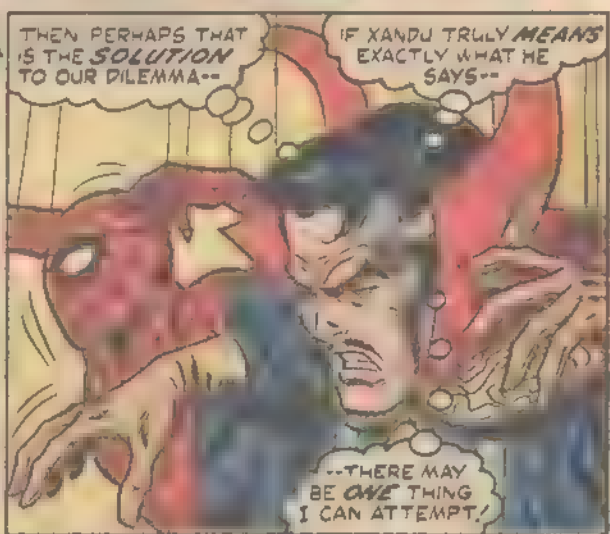


SPIDER-MAN, HE'S TRANSFORMED YOUR WEB-BING--  
--INTO MARIO-NETTE STRINGS THAT HAVE ENTANGLED US IN THEIR GRASP!



OF COURSE, STRANGE--FOR I HAVE ORDAINED THAT, IN MY WORLD, NEITHER OF YOU MAY USE YOUR POWERS AGAINST ME--

--WHILE I HAVE NO SUCH PROBLEM USING THEM AGAINST YOU!



THEN PERHAPS THAT IS THE SOLUTION TO OUR DILEMMA--

IF XANDU TRULY MEANS EXACTLY WHAT HE SAYS--

--THERE MAY BE ONE THING I CAN ATTEMPT!



A SPELL--INVISIBLE TO XANDU'S EYE--A SPELL SUCH AS I'VE NEVER ATTEMPTED BEFORE--AND PERHAPS CANNOT REVERSE--

--BUT IF ITS EFFECTS UPON SPIDER-MAN AND MYSELF ARE AS I HOPE THEM TO BE--



THEN, EVEN AS THE MYSTIC MAGE COMPLETES HIS SLEIGHT INCANTATION CERTAIN STRINGS ARE PULLED TAUT AND--

PERFECT, XANDU'S AIMED MY HANDS RIGHT AT HIS FACE--

--AND ONCE I REACH MY WEB-SHOOTERS, HE'S IN FOR A LITTLE SURPRISE!



BUT XANDU'S SURPRISE DOES NOT BEGIN TO RIVAL SPIDER-MAN'S STUNNED AMAZEMENT AS--

WHAT IN THE NAME OF FLAMING BLUE HANNAH--?

THAT'S NOT MY WEBBING--!

PERHAPS NOT, SPIDER-MAN-- BUT NONETHELESS YOU'VE FREED US FROM XANDU'S CLUTCHES!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, STRANGE? IF I DIDN'T *KNOW* BETTER, I'D SWEAR THOSE WERE BOLTS OF--

--MAGIC?

MAGIC? IMPOSSIBLE!

I WOULD NOT PERMIT SUCH SACRILEGE IN A WORLD OF MY OWN DEVISING!

THIS CANNOT BE--!

THERE ARE THINGS IN THE INFINITE COSMOS THAT ARE FAR *BEYOND* YOUR POOR POWER TO PERMIT OR DENY, XANDU!

SPIDER-MAN'S NEWLY-GAINED POWERS ARE *ONE* SUCH THING--

--WHILE *MY* NEW-FOUND ABILITIES ARE *ANOTHER*!

WHA--? SPIDER-MAN'S WEBBING--!

SOMEHOW, STRANGE AND THE WALL-CRAWLER HAVE *EXCHANGED* THEIR POWERS--!





I CANNOT HOLD KANDU THUS FOR LONG!



I'D LOVE TO OBLIGE YA, DOC-- EXCEPT FOR ONE LITTLE THING--

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIRE YOUR BLASTED MAGIC!



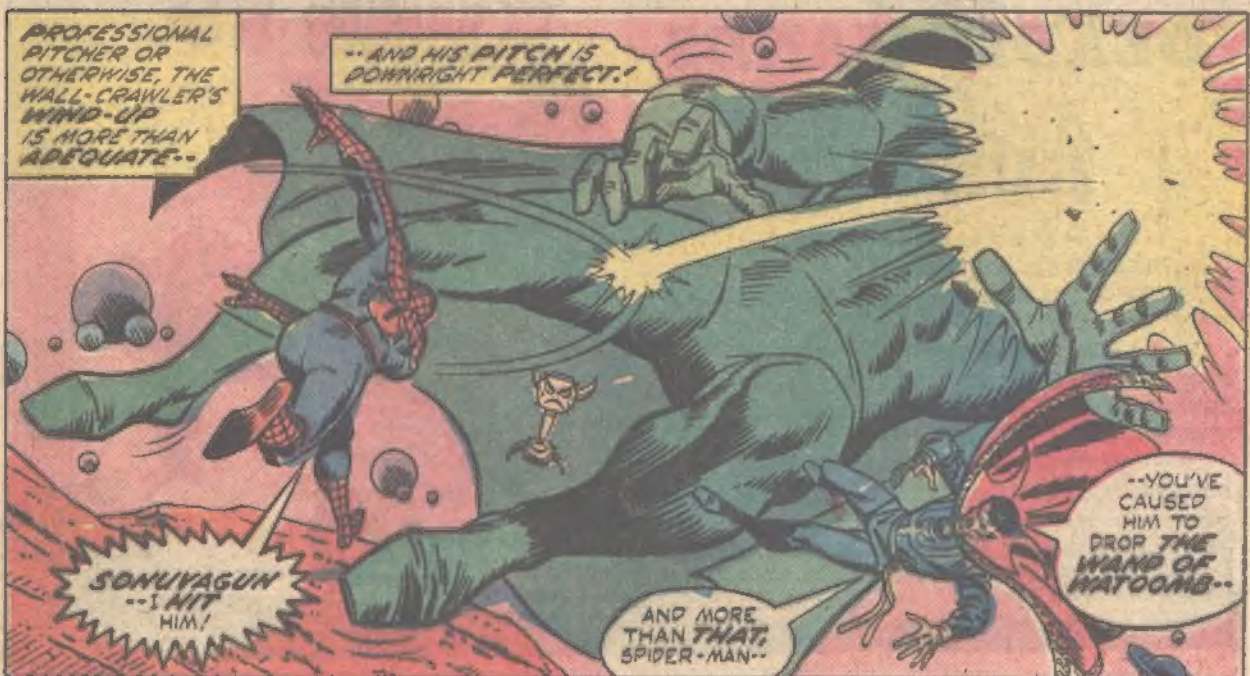
THIS IS NO TIME FOR JEST, SPIDER-MAN!

HURL YOUR NEW-GAINED POWERS NOW --OR WE MAY BOTH BE LOST!



HURL MY POWERS, THE MAN SAYS. OKAY, IF THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS--

--BUT I HOPE HE REALIZES I'M NOT EXACTLY TOM SEAVER!



PROFESSIONAL PITCHER OR OTHERWISE, THE WALL-CRAWLER'S WIND-UP IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE--

-- AND HIS PITCH IS DOWNRIGHT PERFECT!

SONUYAGUN --I HIT HIM!

AND MORE THAN THAT, SPIDER-MAN--

--YOU'VE CAUSED HIM TO DROP THE HAND OF MATOONS--





--AND WITHOUT ITS AWE-SOME ENERGIES TO **SUS-TAIN** HIM, XANDU BECOMES AS HE **WAS--**

--A **SIMPERING SHELL** OF A MAN!

GLOAT WHILE YOU **CAN**, STRANGE-- XANDU IS NOT FINISHED **YET!**

**THAT, MADMAN, IS A SITUATION EASILY RESOLVED!**



HEY, DOC--ANY IDEA WHAT TO DO WITH XANDY'S **MAGIC WAND?**

A MOMENT, SPIDER-MAN, WHILE I "**RESOLVE**" SOME UN-FINISHED BUSINESS--

**SPAKT!**



--THEN I SHALL DEAL WITH THE **WAND OF WATOOMB** AS I SHOULD HAVE DEALT WITH IT LONG AGO--

HEY --YOU'RE THROWING IT **AWAY--!**



**PRECISELY, SPIDER-MAN--** FOR HERE IN XANDU'S SURREAL DIMENSION IT MAY DRIFT **HARMLESSLY--**

--FOREVER BEYOND THE **REACH** OF THIS MADMAN AND HIS ILK!

YEAH--I GUESS THAT'S FOR THE **BEST!**

**NO MAN** SHOULD WIELD THAT SORT OF **POWER--** NOT EVEN **ME--**

--SO IF YOU WANNA **DO** SOMETHING ABOUT TAKING BACK **YOUR** POWERS, DOC--?



**ONE SUPER-POWER SWITCH AND A DIMENSION-HOP LATER, IN THE STRONGHOLD OF THE DEFEATED XANDU...**

THE **WAND OF WATOOMB** --LOST TO ME **FOREVER--!**

WITHOUT IT, MY BELOVED **MELINDA** SHALL SLEEP HER DREAMLESS SLEEP **ETERNALLY--**

--AND THERE'S **NOTHING** THAT CAN BE **DONE** FOR HER!



PERHAPS YOU SPEAK TOO **HASTILY**, XANDU. THERE IS **MUCH** WITHIN THE POWER OF THE **MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS.**

WHAT ARE YOU **SAYING**, STRANGE? IS THERE A CHANCE YOU CAN **SAVE** HER?

**TELL ME, MAN--I MUST KNOW!**

WHERE THERE IS **LIFE**, XANDU-- THERE IS ALWAYS **HOPE!**



THERE SHE IS, STRANGE. MY MELINDA HAS SUFFERED THIS DEATH-LIKE SLEEP FOR MORE YEARS THAN I CARE TO REMEMBER.

THEN STEP BACK AND I WILL DO WHAT I CAN FOR HER, XANDU.

FOR LONG MOMENTS, THE MYSTIC AMULET AROUND THE SORCERER'S NECK BATHES THE UNMOVING SLEEPER IN ITS EERIE LIGHT--



--AND WHEN, AT LAST, THE LIGHT FADES--

I'M SORRY, XANDU, BUT THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO FOR HER AFTER ALL.

BUT YOU PROMISED, STRANGE--YOU PROMISED!

IN THE NAME OF MERCY MAN --I BESEECH YOU TO REVIVE HER--!

XANDU, I FEAR YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND--!



YOUR MELINDA HAS NOT PASSED THESE YEARS IN A SLEEP RESEMBLING DEATH-- BUT IN A DEATH THAT RESEMBLES SLEEP--

--AND NOT EVEN I CAN RESTORE LIFE TO A CORPSE!

MELINDA-- DEAD? MY MYSTIC BOLT THOSE YEARS AGONE-- KILLED HER?



IT'S NOT POSSIBLE, I TELL YOU! MELINDA IS ALIVE--ALIVE --AND I WILL FIND A WAY TO RESTORE HER TO ME --I WILL--I WILL--!

DON'T LISTEN TO THEM, MELINDA--YOU'RE ALIVE--YOU MUST BE ALIVE--

--AND I'LL SAVE YOU-- I SWEAR TO YOU I'LL SAVE YOU --SAVE YOU--SAVE YOU-- SAVE-- ZEHEHE--ZEHEHE--ZEHEHE--



THE WEB-SLINGING SPIDER-MAN... THE EVER-ACCURATE HAWKEYE... THE LIVING COMPUTER QUASIMODO... **THE MESSIAH MACHINE!**